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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: FERRULE HEATING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF ADHERING FERRULE AND OPTICAL FIBER

the specification which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on <u>June 25; 2003</u> as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number <u>10/602,664</u> and was amended on <u>June 25, 2003</u> (if applicable).

I hereby authorize our attorneys to insert the serial number assigned to this U.S. application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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